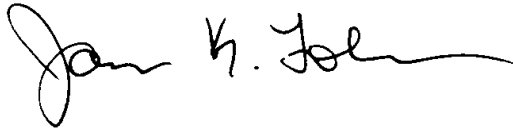


REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1 and 3 have been allowed. Applicant has cancelled Claim 4, without prejudice. Accordingly, all of the pending claims (Claims 1 and 3) have been allowed, and an indication of the allowance of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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